REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

TWENTY-FIRST

ANNIVERSARY MEETING

OF THE

American Christian Missionary Society,

Held at Louisville, October 19, 20 and 21, 1869.

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OFFICERS ELECTED.

PRESIDENT,

R. M. BISHOP.

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W. K. PENDLETON.

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W. H. LAPE.

PROCEEDINGS.

THE AMERICAN CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY convened in annual meeting at 2 o'clock P. M., October 19, 1869, in Christian Chapel, corner of Fourth and Walnut streets, Louisville, Kentucky; the President, R. M. BISHOP, in the chair.

The 1253d song was sung. The President read the 28th chapter of Matthew. Prayer was offered by A. B. Green, of Ohio.

The Secretaries being absent, J. C. Reynolds, of Illinois, was elected Secretary *pro tem.*

On motion, the President appointed Dr. W. H. Hopson, of Kentucky; Dr. E. A. Lodge, of Michigan; R. Moffit, of Ohio; L. L. Carpenter, of Indiana, and W. F. Burch, of Missouri, Committee on Business.

He also appointed W. H. Lape, Capt. M. G. Andrews and B. J. Pinkerton, Committee on Railroad Passes.

The Convention was then addressed for a short time by Brother James Challen, of Iowa. He said these meetings pay. He thinks that finance will be right whenever our hearts are right. He told the Convention that he had been on a mission to New England He found, at Worcester, Mass., four men, mechanics, who each give $10 every Lord's-day for the cause of Christ. He said, a man converted by his wife will always be a mighty man. He found such a man. He had builded up a congregation of more than two hundred members. Should a preacher visit them, they would gladly hear him one Lord's-day; they would send him the next Lord's-day to a destitute place, and sustain him in the work.

The Business Committee made partial report, as follows:

Your Committee on Order of Business beg leave to report as follows: Social meeting each day, from 8 to 9 A. M. and from 7 to 7½ P. M.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

1. Enrollment of members of the Society.
2. President's Address.
3. Short speeches till 4 P. M.
4. At 7½ P. M., address by Dr. S. E. Shepard.

WEDNESDAY, 9 A. M.

1. Report of Board of Managers.
2. Report of Treasurer.
3. Report of "Committee of Twenty."

W. H. HOPSON, *Chairman.*

Report adopted.

The names of messengers were then enrolled. (The whole number at the Convention was over 600.)

The President then delivered his address, as follows:

DEAR BRETHREN: It is with heartfelt gratitude to our Heavenly Father that I welcome you to another anniversary of our society. During the year that has past the Lord has been very kind to us. It is true that some have fallen upon the battle-field, and have been gathered home to their reward. But most of those who have been accustomed to meet together on these occasions have been spared, and many of them are present at this meeting to assist with their counsels the progress of the great work of sending the gospel to the nations. May the Lord help us all to be wise.

There is an interest in an assembly like this far beyond the purpose which calls it together. We meet here ostensibly to devise ways and means for spreading the gospel. But I apprehend that many of us will realize a benefit which is not expressed in this purpose.

There is a power in association—in the meeting of a brother with his brother—which becomes sensibly manifest on these occasions. And if these meetings were productive of no other good, the fact, that they afford an opportunity for the Lord's people to become acquainted with each other, and to rejoice with each other, is sufficient reason why they should be continued. One difficulty in making the Christian religion such a power as it ought to be, is the comparative neglect of the social element of that religion. Christianity is intended to bring men together, to unite their hearts in holy sympathy, and to associate their efforts in the great work of pulling down the strongholds of Satan and building in their stead the Church of the Living God.

These meetings, I think, are well calculated to develop this sympathy, and bring about this fraternal co-operation.

And I think, furthermore, that it will be our happy lot to recognize many of our brethren and sisters on the other side of the Jordan of death whose faces we would never have seen in the flesh had it not been for the conventions of the American Christian Missionary Society.

But the present meeting, brethren, is likely to prove one of the most important we have ever had. It can not be denied that we have reached a crisis in our missionary operations. For the past fifteen or twenty years our missionary efforts can not be regarded more than experiments. I do not mean by this to undervalue what we have done; for when we take into account all the circumstances, we have certainly done well. I mean simply that we have now reached a period in our history when we must do better, and that the experiences of the past ought to enable us to adopt such a plan of operations for the future as will be commensurate with the great work to be accomplished.

At the semi-annual meeting, held in St. Louis in May last, a committee of twenty wise and good brethren were appointed to take into consideration the whole subject of evangelization and report at the present meeting.

Of course, we all look anxiously to that report, and hope that it will lead to greater harmony and more activity in our missionary work. And in anticipation of that report, permit me to say a few words in reference to what shall be the course of the Convention, when the report is made. It has seemed to me that heretofore, the reports of committees have not been considered by the Convention with that calmness and deliberation so necessary in order to reach wise and just conclusions. Doubtless it has been the case, frequently, that committees have themselves reported without due consideration, and hence the Convention has attempted to remedy the defects apparent in the report. All this should be avoided as far as possible. Hence, one object in appointing the committee of twenty was to avoid introducing crude and ill-digested plans which would consume the time of the convention with fruitless discussions, without reaching any desirable end. It was believed that if twenty brethren, such as have been selected, would meet together and prayerfully and deliberately consider the whole question of evangelization, they would more likely reach a proper conclusion than a promiscuous assembly, where clear, calm reflection is almost impossible. I do not know what the report of the committee will be, but I do hope that whatever it is, it will receive the greatest consideration of this convention. I do hope that we will all avoid, as far as possible, the offering of amendments that will only embarrass the report and in no way benefit it. Doubtless, we all have our convictions in reference to missionary work. Nearly every man has a plan of his own, and this is different from the plans of others. It is surely not from the want

of plans that we do not succeed; but it is for the want of unity—the want of a hearty acquiescence in some uniform method in the work of raising money and spreading the gospel. And, furthermore we never shall have unity while every man insists upon his plan in opposition to all others. "Let each esteem others better than himself," is a divine law which needs especial emphasis during our deliberations in this Convention. And it is to be hoped that this blessed injunction will find a deep place in all our hearts. What I have said in reference to the report of the Committee on Evangelization is equally applicable to all our deliberations. We can not hope always to be free from unprofitable discussions in assemblies like this. Among a free people, who have learned to think for themselves, and who have not always learned the rules which govern deliberate bodies, we are most certain to have some irregularities, and some unfortunate things in word and manner. These are no reasons for discouragement while they are the exceptions, but surely they are no recommendation to any convention where they are the general rule. I need not say to you, brethren, that these remarks are not made because you are in the habit of seriously violating the rules of good order; for I take great pleasure in testifying that your conduct in this respect is generally all that could be desired. But I make these remarks because the present convention will have questions of unusual interest before it, and I wish its deliberations to be a model for all time to come. I have nothing of special importance to suggest in reference to the great work before us. I feel, in common with you all, the weighty responsibilities resting upon us as a religious people. I feel, also, that we are not meeting these responsibilities as we should. But I am not among those, if there are any such, who would give up what we have gained because we are not now working up to the measure of our abilities. In all great movements there are distinct periods which mark the process of development. We have just passed through the enthusiastic period of our movement. When our plea was new, those who carried it to the people had all the enthusiasm that freshness and novelty inspire. Hence, under such an inspiration the work was carried forward without the aid of method. It was simply borne along by the enthusiasm of its advocates. But that day is now past. We have reached the contemplative period of our movement. We have now got a history, and we are constantly looking over the work that has been done, with the view of making it permanent, and enabling us to avoid the mistake of the past in our work of the future. This is well enough, and though it may cause us to seemingly stand still for a time, our apparent apathy is only the preparation and discipline of the army for a forward movement.

What we want now, is to reach the period of earnest, active, prayerful work. We want our men all enlisted, every soldier in

his place, and then, in the name of our King, under the blood-stained banner of the cross, we must go forward to glory and to victory. Thinking and planning are well enough in their place, but if the world is ever converted to Christ it must be done by brave and glorious deeds. And now may the blessing of God, our Heavenly Father, rest upon our meeting, and crown our deliberations with success.

After the reading of the Address, George Campbell, of Illinois, and D. W. Carnes, of Tennessee, briefly addressed the Convention.

Adjourned. J. C. REYNOLDS, Sec. *pro tem.*

At 7 o'clock P. M. the brethren met for social worship, presided over by W. A. Belding, of New York. The audience was then addressed by Dr. S. E. Shepard.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Brethren met for social worship, at 8 o'clock, presided over by Brother Challen. At 9 o'clock, business resumed, the President in the chair.

Minutes read and approved. After further enrolling of members, Thomas Munnell, Corresponding Secretary, read the report of the Board of Managers, as follows:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF THE A. M. C. S.

"The closing missionary year has been one of counsel—deep, earnest and prayerful. It has also been a year of work and much solicitude on the part of the Board. The year was begun with some indebtedness, with much discouragement among many of the friends of the Society, and without any financial system promising success. The ordinary way of raising money by agents, by letters and newspaper appeals, was fast falling into disrepute. Our General Society, State Societies and District Societies were all calling statedly upon the same churches for aid, each desiring four collections per annum. Collisions as to times of collecting were the practical result. The separate interests of each society were necessarily creating confusion that was annually increasing. Besides the custom of raising nearly all missionary money by agents going to every church, which has often proved itself too expensive among other bodies, was fast proving itself too expensive among us, especially as we were supporting three sets of agents instead of one.

Under these circumstances we not only saw the need of a remedy,

but at once resolved to find it. The facts before us we could not ignore, and were unwilling to meet the present Convention without at least having made an effort to present some practical and efficient system, of working for your consideration and adoption. This it was plain would require a simplification of our machinery from three separate and independent systems of operations to a single system—that would require but one financial system instead of so many, and that the churches must, by a suitable arrangement be induced to raise their money by their own officers, and forward it to the treasury without so much expense.

To gain the consent and secure the unanimity of leading brethren in all the States to these indispensable adjustments, required much of the Corresponding Secretary's time and travel for more than the first half of the current missionary year; but at the May Semi-annual Meeting in St. Louis, public sentiment had reached the conclusion, "That a better system of missionary finance and evangelization was indispensable to our success both at home and abroad, and that the time had fully come to inaugurate it." This statement being assented to by the whole Convention, the resolution to appoint a Committee of Twenty, after careful and thorough elaboration, was unanimously adopted. After the St. Louis Convention its action in appointing said Committee was respectively laid before ten different State Conventions—in Ohio, New York, Illinois, Missouri, Kentucky, Michigan, West Virginia, Iowa, Nebraska and Indiana. These Conventions were requested to consider the whole question, and to so far indorse the objects of this movement as to appoint a committeeman from their respective States to sit with the original committee in making the forthcoming report to this Convention. This they all cordially did, and their representatives are with us to-day. To this report we would call your profound and careful attention. We feel confident that with our present arrangements, nothing can be done worthy of the cause we preach, and we urge this Convention to consider the subject calmly and in the fear of God.

If nothing else were done during the year but the unifying of public sentiment and the gathering together of this great Convention, willing to sacrifice any and every personal preference for the general good, the Board would feel that no greater work had ever been done in any year of our missionary history. But we are happy to report also some of the results of the small means the churches intrusted to our hands.

G. W. Abell, of Virginia, has been laboring with an almost apostolic zeal and success, during the last year. The range of his preaching has been very wide, and his preaching constant and laborious. He alone has brought 521 persons into the Church. Besides this, an amount of good has been done that never will be

told or known, in encouraging the weak, in raising the fallen, and in setting many things in order that were wanting. The mission should be sustained and more force put into that field as soon as possible.

In Nebraska, also, large results have been realized in the ratio of the money expended there. The following facts from the reports of brethren Barrow and Dungan add new reasons for a mighty effort on our part to evangelize the West. In a population so sparse and so different from that of Eastern Virginia, an equal number of additions could not be expected, but the amount of good done in organizing the cause in Nebraska with a good religious constitution—with Sunday Schools, Bible classes, prayer meetings and regular Lord's-day meetings of all the churches—creates the highest confidence both in the ability and devotion of our western evangelists.

Brother D. R. Dungan, of Pawnee City, Nebraska, has labored for the Board six months of the past year; preached one hundred and six discourses; had one hundred and three additions to the churches, and aided much in founding several new congregations, besides all that unchronicled labor of a good evangelist, that can never be represented in tabular statements.

Brother R. C. Barrow, of Tecumseh, laboring through the year, has preached two hundred and twenty-seven sermons; has added one hundred and nine to the churches; assisted in the organization of three new congregations and five Sunday Schools. He writes: "The cause is prospering in Nebraska throughout the State. Two fine church edifices have been opened within the year; another in process of erection at Tecumseh, and arrangements are being made for another in Lincoln, the capital of the State.

The Jamaica Mission, in the hands of the native preachers, has done as well as we anticipated in the absence of any evangelist from this country to take the supervision of it. Nothing, upon the whole, has been gained during the year, unless the holding of most of what we had, can be so accounted. The following table, from the last quarterly report, will show the present condition of the mission:

Number of Mission Stations			18
Lord's-day supplied (the last quarter)			95
Number of week-day services			100
" " pastoral visits			166
" " baptisms			6
" " exclusions			12
Present membership			689
Pupils in Sunday School			381
	£	s.	d.
Subscriptions to the Mission	12	14	3

This is a falling off of twenty-three members and sixty-four Sunday School scholars since the last quarterly report.

We earnestly recommend the sending of an evangelist at the earliest possible day to take charge of that mission. Our past experience proves that it can not prosper in the absence of such aid from the States. Our limited means has prevented the proper support of this mission the past year, which adds another reason for the inauguration of a better system of finance, as the Board can not meet a tithe of the demands made upon it, with the funds at their disposal.

The following is a general abstract of results of the last year's labor:

Whole number of additions - - - - -	770
Whole number of days' labor - - - -	2,703
Whole amount of money received - - -	$7,525 50
Deducting payments made on last years' indebtedness, the average cost per day, including salary and expenses, is -	$2 53
Indebtedness October 21, 1868, - - - -	$1,387 18
" " " 1869, - - - - -	$708 85
New Churches organized - - - - - -	6

But the moral results of the year's labor which we hope to consummate in the present Convention—the concurrence of the whole brotherhood in a uniform system of missionary labor—we deem the most important of all.

We can not even glance at the great West, the great South, and the great world all around us calling for missionary aid. The cause should be established in every county seat, in every railroad town, and in all the cities of the West. The constant flow of immigration, the activity of partisans, the cries of isolated disciples for help, and every other consideration, as great as salvation itself, call for immediate action in this Convention and for continued action when we leave it.

We beg leave to report also the fact that three States—Illinois, Iowa and Missouri—have each formally referred the question of a Sunday School literature to this Convention, with a view to its appointing a committee to report, at a suitable time, upon the whole question of library, papers and music for our children. It is a question with some of our most experienced Sunday School managers, whether a library is at all desirable; also, how we shall more widely circulate our papers and music, and have it all of the best possible quality. The subject is respectfully submitted to your consideration.

With a view to a wiser economy of our missionary means, the Board would suggest that most of what we have been calling missionary work is simply an arrangement in the districts for home preaching, which the churches should supply for themselves, besides giving for the destitute. Home work, in rich churches, paid for by themselves, is not missionary work. This system of working, not only does nothing for the destitute, but weakens our treasury. We would insist upon a broader missionary spirit. Let the strong churches manage their own affairs without the aid of our missionary secretaries; and let it be the business of the Society to collect and disburse the missionary charities of the churches, and the work of the Lord shall prosper in our hands. In hope of a coming unanimity, earnestness and efficiency in the work of the Lord, we submit the above to your acceptance and approbation."

Motion, by J. B. Bowman, to refer the report to appropriate committees. Carried.

Motion, by Dr. Hopson, that we have a Committee on Home Missions. Carried, and, by consent, a Committee on Foreign Missions, and one on Sunday Schools.

Motion, by Brother Shackleford, that the accounts of the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer be referred to the Auditor, when presented. Carried.

Committee on Foreign Missions—Elijah Goodwin, John Shackleford, and A. E. Myers.

Home Missions—James Challen, Iowa; O. A. Bartholomew, and T. T. Holton.

Sunday Schools—O. Ebbert, Michigan; W. C. Dawson, Kentucky, and A. B. Jones, Missouri.

W. T. Moore, Chairman of the Committee of Twenty, then read their report, as follows:

The undersigned, members of the committee appointed by the semi-annual meeting of the American Christian Missionary Society, at St. Louis, Missouri, May 18th, 1869, under the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That a Committee of Twenty be appointed to take into consideration the whole question of evangelization and report, if possible, a Scriptural and practical plan for raising money and spreading the gospel, said committee to report at the Louisville meeting in October next: together with delegates appointed by several State conventions to confer with us," beg leave to recommend the following:

1. That there be one uniform financial system, to secure the means for missions both at home and abroad.

2. That to render this efficient there be—

(*a*) A General Board and Corresponding Secretary.

(*b*) A Board and Corresponding Secretary for each State to co-operate with the General Board.

(*c*) District Boards in each State, and a Secretary in each district, whose duty it shall be to visit all the churches in his district in order to induce them to accept the missionary work as a part of their Christian duty.

3. There shall be an annual convention in each district, the business of which shall be transacted by messengers appointed by the churches; an annual convention in each State, the business of which shall be conducted by messengers sent from the churches of the State, it being understood, however, that two or more churches, or all the churches of a district, may be represented by messengers mutually agreed upon; and an annual general convention, the business of which shall be conducted by messengers from the State conventions.

4. The General Convention shall annually appoint nine brethren, who, together with the Corresponding Secretaries of the States and the Presidents of the State Boards shall constitute a General Board, who shall meet annually to transact the general missionary business, and appoint a committee of five to superintend the work in the intervals between their annual meetings.

5. It shall be the duty of the General Board and Corresponding Secretary, to provide for and superintend missionary operations in destitute places not actually in State and district organizations, and to promote the harmonious co-operation of all the State and District Boards and conventions.

6. There shall be also a State Board and Corresponding Secretary in each of the States, elected annually by the messengers sent to the State Convention, and it shall be the duty of said Boards and Secretaries to manage the missionary interests in their respective States in harmony with the system of general co-operation.

7. Each State shall be divided into districts of suitable limits by the State Board; the messengers from the churches of each district shall elect, at their Annual Conventions, a Board and a Secretary; and the business of each Secretary shall be to visit all the churches in his district, and, in co-operation with their own officers, induce them to contribute and send to the District Treasurer money for the support of missions.

8. As our whole financial system is based upon a general co-operation of the churches, we recommend that each church, over and above the sums it may contribute for missionary work under its immediate control, give a pledge to pay annually to its District Treasurer a definite sum for other missionary work, and that one-half of such contributions may be under the control of the District

Boards for missionary work in the districts, the other half to be sent to the State Board, to be divided equally between it and the General Board for their respective works; but this recommendation is not to be considered as precluding a different disposition of funds when the church contributing shall so decide.

9. The churches shall send reports to the District Boards in time for the District Conventions; the districts shall send up reports to the State Boards in time for the State Conventions, and the State Boards shall send up reports to the General Board in time for the General Convention, so that a report of all our missionary operations may appear in the minutes of the General Convention.

10. The General Board is requested to adjust the constitution of the General Missionary Society to the foregoing plan, and at once open a correspondence with the State organizations and with leading brethren in States that have no organizations, with a view to induce them to adopt the same.

11. The adoption of this report shall in no way impair or interfere with the constitutional rights of members of either the State or the General Society.

12. Each State Convention shall be entitled to two delegates in the General Convention, and to one additional delegate for every five thousand Disciples in the State.

Members of the Committee of Twenty appointed at St. Louis:

W. T. Moore, Ohio.
W. K. Pendleton, W. Virginia.
Alex. Proctor, Missouri.
W. A. Belding, New York.
R. R. Sloan, Ohio.
Enos Campbell, Illinois.
T. W. Caskey, Mississippi.
Isaac Errett, Ohio.
J. C. Reynolds, Illinois.
J. S. Sweeney, Illinois.
Joseph King, Pennsylvania.
Robert Graham, Kentucky.
M. E. Lard, Kentucky.
G. W. Longan, Missouri.
Benjamin Franklin, Indiana.
O. A. Burgess, Indiana.
W. D. Carnes, Tennessee.
C. L. Loos, W. Virginia.
J. S. Lamar, Georgia.
A. I. Hobbs, Iowa.

Delegates appointed by State Conventions to act with the Committee:

A. E. Myers, West Virginia.
D. R. Dungan, Nebraska.
Winthrop H. Hopson, Ky.
C. G. Bartholomew, Indiana.
A. B. Jones, Missouri.
W. L. Hayden, New York.
Edwin A. Lodge, Michigan.
O. Ebbert, Michigan.
N. A. Walker, Indiana.
I. B. Grubbs, Kentucky.
S. E. Shepard, Ohio.
P. Blaisdell, Massachusetts.
J. W. Butler, Illinois.

Brother Moore followed the reading with remarks. Dr. J. P. Robinson asked questions.

Motion by Brother E. Goodwin, to make the report the special order for 2 o'clock P. M. Motion lost.

Business Committee made additional report, as follows:

WEDNESDAY, 2 P. M.

1. Unfinished Business.
2. Reports of State Societies.
3. Adjourn at 4½ P. M.
4. 7½, Address by brother A. Proctor, of Missouri.

THURSDAY, 9 A. M.

1. Report of Committees.
2. Miscellaneous Business.

Report adopted.

Dr. L. L. Pinkerton then offered a lengthy amendment to the report of the Committee of Twenty.

He followed the reading of it by remarks. Amendment withdrawn by consent.

Brother G. W. Elley discussed the report.

Motion by T. W. Caskey, to limit the speakers discussing this report to five minutes. Substitute offered by Brother O. A. Burgess, fifteen minutes, and single speeches. Substitute carried.

Dr. J. P. Robinson then moved to go into committee of the whole on the report. Motion lost.

Moved by Dr. Pinkerton to adopt the first ten items. Discussed by J. W. McGarvey. He moved to strike out item (*c*) in Article 7, and the words "two churches joining to send out a missionary," of Article 9. Advocated by Brother Burns, and opposed by Brother Goodwin. Brother Burch moved to postpone the whole subject until the rest of the report is disposed of. Carried. First Article of last ten adopted.

Brother Sterling Price moved to amend item (*c*), by striking out *and*, and inserting "*in order to*," of Article 2 of the latter half of the report. Carried. Brothers Carnes, Jarrott, Errett, Munnell, New, Moore and Challen, discussed the subject.

The President appointed the following committees:

ON ANNUAL AND SEMI-ANNUAL CONVENTION.

O. A. Burgess, of Indianapolis; Geo. Anderson, of Pittsburg;

J. S. Sweeney, of Chicago; T. D. Garvin, of Cincinnati; E. V. Rice, of St. Louis.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

J. B. Bowman, of Kentucky; Jas. Magill, of Ohio; A. M. Collins, of Pennsylvania; W. L. Hayden, of Connecticut; A. Allen, of West Virginia. Adjourned to 2 o clock P. M.

WEDNESDAY, 2 P. M.

Convention called to order and 13th chap. 1 Cor. read by the President, and prayer offered by Brother McGarvey.

Moved and carried to resume the discussion of the report of the Committee of Twenty.

Moved to adopt second article of the latter part of the report. Discussed by brethren Goodloe, Hopson, Moore and Goodwin.

J. W. McGarvey moved to amend item (*c*) by striking out "visit," and transfer the word "induce" to its place, and to strike out the word "religious" and insert the word "Christian." Discussed by brothers Moore, Smith, Price and Hopson. Amendment lost, and the article adopted unanimously.

J. B. Grubbs moved to strike out "shall" from the third article, and insert "that there be." Discussed by Moore and Grubbs. Amendment lost. Article discussed by Dr. Robinson, C. G. Bartholomew, Ayers, Rogers and Shackleford.

Brother Ayers offered a substitute for the third article. Brother Bartholomew moved to refer the substitute to a committee to report at the next annual meeting. Brother Shackleford moved to lay the question of reference on the table. All three motions were withdrawn. Brother R. C. Rickets then spoke on the third article, after which it was unanimously adopted.

Article 4. Unanimously adopted.

Article 5. Unanimously adopted.

Dr. Robinson offered the following amendment to Article 6: "It is not proposed to require a change of representation in the State Annual Convention where such State is now organized and in working order." Discussed by W. K. Pendleton. Amendment withdrawn for the present.

Article 6. Unanimously adopted.

Article 7. Discussed by Dr. Pinkerton, Moore, Hopson, Sloan, Pendleton and McGarvey. Brother McGarvey moved to amend by inserting after the word "board," at the end of the first line, "acting in concert with the churches in the district." Discussed by Brother Pendleton. Amendment lost. Article further discussed by brothers Burgess and Munnell, and unanimously adopted.

Article 8. Discussed by brothers Campbell, Burns, Hopson and McGarvey. Adjourned.

The brethren met at 7 o'clock P. M. for social worship, Brother A. B. Green presiding. After which the audience was addressed by Brother A. Proctor, of Missouri.

After the discourse, an appeal was made for missionary money, by Brother O. A. Burgess, of Indianapolis, resulting in the handsome sum of $3,600 pledged, of which $371 was paid at the time.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Brethren met at 8 o'clock and spent one hour in social worship, Brother John I. Rogers presiding. At 9 o'clock the business of the Convention was resumed, Vice President W. K. Pendleton in the chair.

The discussion of the 8th article of the report of the Committee of Twenty was resumed. Brother J. W. McGarvey moved to amend by striking out all after the word "that" near the close of the fourth line, and inserting "a part of this, to be designated by the church itself, be sent to the State Board and to the General Board for their respective works."

Amendment discussed by brothers Moore, J. I. Rogers, Dr. J. P. Robinson, Munnell, Hopson, Dr. Pinkerton, Southmayd, Blaisdell, Goodloe, Sloan, George Campbell, Burgess, McGarvey, Jones, Sweeney, Proctor, and Burnet.

Brother Burnet moved to substitute the amendment by leaving the article as reported by the committee and adding the following: "But this recommendation not to be considered as precluding a different distribution of funds when the church contribution shall so decide." Substitute accepted by Brother McGarvey and adopted. Article 8th as amended adopted unanimously. Article 9th adopted unanimously.

Dr. Robinson renewed his resolution postponed yesterday.

Resolution discussed by brethren Walk and Burnet.

Brother Sweeney moved to refer the resolution and substitute to a committee. Pending this motion, a motion to adjourn was made, and the Convention adjourned to 2 o'clock P. M.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Convention met as per adjournment. The President read 1st Psalm and prayer was offered by Dr. Pearre.

Minutes read and approved.

Brother E. Goodwin, on behalf of the Committee on Foreign Missions, made report as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the report of the Board as refers to Foreign Missions, respectfully submit that they have had the same under consideration, and suggest that in view of the present condition of the funds of the Society, we think it inexpedient to inaugurate any new Foreign Missions, but considering the money that has been spent on the Jamaica Mission, the good that has been accomplished in that field, and the probability of losing much that has been gained should we abandon that Mission, we recommend its continuance, and that a competent brother be employed and sustained as a missionary to preach the Gospel and superintend Evangelical work in that Island so soon as the funds of the Society will justify it.

ELIJAH GOODWIN,
JOHN SHACKLEFORD,
A. E. MYERS.

Report adopted.

Brother James Challen, on behalf of the Committee on Home Missions, made report as follows:

HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Home Missions beg leave to say that they have not time to make a full report upon this important field, and can only speak of it in general terms. The Savior was a Home Missionary; and the Apostles "began at Jerusalem," and lingered about Judea; and we naturally seek to benefit those of our own country and kin.

We would call the attention of the brethren to New England, as a most fruitful and encouraging field of missionary labor. Many have become weary of the creeds and sects of the descendants of the Puritans, and will gladly welcome a better way. The efforts already made have yielded the most happy results. The tide of emigration is constantly tending to the West and South, from the East, and our labors in that field can not fail to yield a glorious

harvest. Besides, we believe that, owing to the economy and thrift of the people in New England, our missionary efforts there will be in a great measure self-sustaining.

We can not urge too earnestly the claims of all the large cities upon the attention of the Board. They are the great centers of influence and power, and should be occupied by a corps of able, zealous, and self-sacrificing missionaries of the Cross of Christ. As the field is already in the hands of others ambitious for pre-eminence, it becomes us to enter upon it with apostolic zeal and unwearied energy.

The Territories and States West and South lie before us almost untilled; and the few who are engaged in the work are overwhelmed with its magnitude; and the cry is continually heard—"Come over and help us!" Let us heed this cry, and work while it is called to-day.

JAMES CHALLEN,
O. A. BARTHOLOMEW,
T. T. HOLTON.

Report adopted.

Brother O. A. Burgess reported as follows on behalf of the Committee on Annual and Semi-annual Meetings:

The Committee to whom was referred the question of holding a semi-annual meeting of this Society, beg leave to report that they recommend the holding of such a meeting; that it be held on ——— day of May next, in Allegheny City, Penn.; that the blank be filled by the Board fixing on such a day in May next as will not interfere with any State Convention that may be held in the same month.

Signed by the Committee.

O. A. BURGESS,
GEO. H. ANDERSON,
J. S. SWEENEY,
T. D. GARVIN,
E. V. RICE.

The Committee recommend the next annual meeting be held in the city of Indianapolis, Ind.

O. A. BURGESS,
G. H. ANDERSON,
J. S. SWEENEY,
T. D. GARVIN,
E. V. RICE.

Report adopted.

Brother W. H. Lape reported as follows on behalf of the Trustees of the Hymn Book:

To the Am. Chris. Miss. Society:

The Trustees for the publication and management of the revised Christian Hymn Book beg leave to report the following:

Since last report there have been sold 20,468 books.

Amount of copy-right due from last report, - - -	$ 304	15
Amount of copy-right accrued since last report, - - -	1,061	90
	$1,366	05
Amount paid since last report for two sets of plates, - -	1,320	18
Balance, - - - - - - - - -	$45	87

Which was paid to Society.

About 85,000 books have been sold since the book was put in type.

It was stated in the last report that *three* sizes of the Hymn Book had been stereotyped. Since then, in consequence of the large number of impressions of the medium edition, the plates became so much worn that it was necessary to re-stereotype them. In doing this, it was found to be a matter of economy to cast two sets of plates, as this could be done with no great increase of cost, and in the future, by using one set as a mould, the plates can be kept in perfect order without the expense of again setting up the type.

It can readily be seen, for the above reasons, that no funds of importance have accrued to the Society out of the copy-right. Hereafter, no doubt, a considerable amount of funds will be paid the Society.

At a meeting of the Board held Oct. 11, 1869, W. H. Lape was re-elected one of the Trustees, to serve in accordance with the deed of trust.

Respectfully submitted.

R. M. Bishop,
J. B. Bowman,
O. A. Burgess,
W. H. Lape,
C. H. Gould.
} *Committee.*

Report adopted.

Brother O. Ebert, on behalf of the Committee on Sunday Schools, made report as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred that part of the report of the Board recommending this Convention to take into consideration our Sunday School literature, would submit the following:

We recommend this Convention to appoint a committee of three, whose duty shall be to consider the whole subject of Sunday

Schools and Sunday School literature, and to report at our next annual Convention.

O. EBERT,
A. B. JONES,
W. C. DAWSON.

Report adopted.

Committee appointed on Sunday Schools: James Challen, O. Ebert, and T. P. Haley.

The report of the Board of Managers was then unanimously adopted.

By common consent, Dr. Robinson withdrew his resolution and all motions connected with it.

On motion, Article 10 of the report of the Committee of Twenty was unanimously adopted.

Brother J. B. Bowman offered the following as Article 11:

"That the adoption of this report shall in no way impair or interfere with the constitutional rights of members, either of the State Societies or of the General Society."

Unanimously adopted.

Dr. Hopson offered the following as Article 12:

Resolved, That each State Convention shall be entitled to send two delegates to the General Convention, and an additional delegate for every ten thousand Disciples in the State.

Dr. Pinkerton moved to lay it on the table. Motion lost.

Resolution discussed by Dr. Pinkerton, A. B. Jones, Dr. Hopson and John Shackleford.

Brother Burgess moved to refer the resolution to the Board of the General Society, and that they report to the next annual meeting.

Brother Sweeney moved to amend by striking out "Board" and inserting "ten from each State now organized."

Brothers Burgess and Sweeney withdrew their motions by consent.

Discussion participated in by various brethren, among them the President.

Brother Munnell moved to strike out "ten" and insert "five." Amendment accepted.

Dr. Pinkerton moved to strike out "five" and insert "three." Motion lost.

Dr. Hopson's motion, as amended, was then adopted.

By consent, the Committee of Twenty withdrew all that part of their report after the word "submit" and to the word "therefore," inclusive.

The preamble was then adopted unanimously.

A motion was then made to adopt the report as a whole.

Brother Ayers offered a substitute for the whole report, which was discussed and withdrawn.

Brother Shackleford offered the following Preamble and Resolution:

WHEREAS, The reported plan of missionary co-operation among the churches of Christ in the United States, now before this Society, has received the signatures of eleven only of the Committee of Twenty appointed at St. Louis in May last, and

WHEREAS, Only a part of the messengers from the different State organizations have signed the report; and,

WHEREAS, There is not among the members of the Christian Missionary Society here present, that unanimity which is necessary to insure the success of the proposed plan of operations; therefore,

Resolved, That final action on the report be postponed till the next annual meeting of this Society, in order that its provisions and suggestions may be fully discussed and considered by the whole brotherhood, and in order that other plans may be, in the interum, published and discussed.

Discussed and lost.

Brother Burgess offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sisters and brethren who have attended this Convention, tender their hearty thanks to the sisters and brethren of Louisville, Ky., for the hospitable and bountiful manner in which they have been entertained during their stay among them. Also, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the railroad and steamboat companies who have granted free return passes to the delegates who have been in attendance at this Convention. Also, To the Reporters of the Press of this city for the able manner in which they have reported the proceedings of this Convention.

Unanimously adopted.

Brother Birch offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. This Convention requests every preacher of our Brotherhood, in the United States, to preach at least one sermon to each congregation he is in the habit of addressing, between this time and the first day of July, 1870, on the necessity and importance of every member giving something in aid of the spread and proclamation of the Gospel, commonly called the Missionary work.

Resolved, 2. An appropriate text, on such an occasion, will be, "Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, 'it is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

Adopted.

Brother J. B. Bowman, on behalf of the Committee on Nominations, made the following report:

The Committee on Nominations beg leave to submit the following report:

PRESIDENT—R. M. Bishop, Ohio.

VICE PRESIDENTS—Isaac Errett, Ohio; W. K. Pendleton, West Virginia; R. Milligan, Kentucky.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY—Thomas Munnell, Kentucky.

RECORDING SECRETARIES—W. B. Ebert, Ohio; Jacob Burnet, Ohio.

TREASURER—W. S. Dickinson, Ohio.

AUDITOR—W. B. Wasson, Ohio.

MANAGERS—John Shackleford, Indiana; Benj. Franklin, Indiana; O. A. Burgess, Indiana; Alexander Proctor, Missouri; A. S. Hayden, Illinois; James Challen, Iowa; G. W. Abell, Eastern Virginia, G. W. N. Yost, Pennsylvania; W. H. Hopson, Kentucky; W. M. Roe, Michigan; J. W. McGarvey, Kentucky; W. A. Belding, New York; P. Blaisdell, Massachusetts; J. S. Lamar, Georgia; M. D. Carnes, Tennessee; R. Moffit, Ohio; C. H. Gould; Ohio; T. D. Garvin, Ohio; W. T. Moore, Ohio; M. H. Slosson, Ohio; Melvin McKee, Ohio; James Fisher, Kentucky; James Magill, Ohio; P. B. Wiles, Kentucky; W. H. Lape, Kentucky.

Your committee in presenting the foregoing nominations desire to say that reference was especially had to two considerations: 1. To distribute the officers over the various States, as largely as the constitutional number would admit; and, 2. To select from the

many. those whose interest and influence, outside of any probable connections with district and State organizations, could be most effectively brought to bear in furthering the success of the general mission. Respectfully submitted.

J. W. Bowman,
Albert Allen,
A. M. Collins,
James Magill,
W. L. Hayden.

Report adopted.

Dr. J. P. Robinson presented the report of the State Missionary Society of Ohio as follows:

The delegation from the Ohio State Missionary Society beg leave to make the following report of labor done during the year, ending May 25, 1869:

Missionaries doing 9 months' labor	- - - -	4
" " 6 " "	- - - -	6
" " 3 " "	- - - -	9
" " occasional "	- - - -	27
Number of days' service	- - - - -	2,536
Number of discourses	- - - - - -	2,574
Churches assisted	- - - - - - -	85
Churches organized	- - - - - -	9
New Missionary points	- - - - - -	25
Number of Baptisms	- - - - - -	573
Number of other accessions	- - - -	294
Whole number of additions	- - - -	1,047
Balance of money in treasury at beginning of year	- -	$1,306.15
Receipts from all sources	- - - - - -	7,159,15
		$8,465.30
Disbursed for labor	- - - - $7,363.48	
Leaving in districts	- - - - 1,101.82	

The Society has pledges for support of the missionary work, amounting to over fifty thousand dollars.

During the 17 years ending May 25, 1869, over thirty thousand days have been spent in missionary labor, and nearly eighty-six thousand dollars have been raised for missionary purposes. Over fifteen thousand accessions have been gained to the churches and eighty-seven churches organized.

J. P. Robinson, *Chairman.*

Brother A. E. Myers reported on behalf of West Virginia as follows:

The bishops, and deacons, and brethren of West Virginia, send greeting to the brethren who may assemble in Louisville, Ky.,

in October, 1869. Inasmuch as we have understood that there is to be a general consultation of the church in the United States in reference to a combined effort in the Evangelic work, we send up our beloved brother A. E. Myers with full powers to represent us in said Convention, to co-operate in the arranging of a general plan of missions, and to say to you, that we are entirely willing, and even anxious to co-operate in this and every other good work with all the disciples of Christ.

We have taken the preliminary steps for a State organization, and hope soon to be able in a more united and efficient manner to co-operate with our brethren in this work, than we have for some years past.

May God's richest blessing rest upon you in your counsels, and lead you to adopt such measures as will further the cause of Christ in the earth, is our sincere prayer.

Done by order of the State Convention, September 12, 1869.

A. E. MYERS, *President.*

W. M. ROE, *Secretary.*

Brother Burgess, of Indiana, and Blaisdell, of Massachusetts, made cheering verbal reports; also, Brother Belding, of New York, said he would send report to Secretary.

Brother Dr. Hopson requested the Convention to listen to a report from a colored preacher, of Louisville, Brother Boyd. It was followed by remarks by brothers Hopson and Challen.

Brother Boyd's report is as follows:

Membership of the colored church - - - - -	35
Number of additions during the year - - - -	16
Number of deacons - - - - - - -	4
Contributions from June 7th to October 10th - -	$131.95
Expenses same period - - - - -	100.85
Balance in treasury - - - - -	$ 31.10

PRESTON TAYLOR,
F. A. BOYD,
JERE KING. } Elders.

Brother W. D. Carnes, of Tennessee, spoke in behalf of a colored College in his State. Dr. Marshall, of Atlanta, Ga., spoke in reference to the condition of the colored people in his State. He expressed his determination to preach the Gospel to both the colored and white people to the extent of his opportunity.

Adjourned.

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS SINCE LAST YEAR.

Macon City Convention,	$69 35	C. C. Foote,	$5 00	John T. Rule,	5 00
Cash from T. Haute	1 00	C. B. Lockwood,	5 00	Eliza Ann Rule,	5 00
" Newbery, O.,	5 00	Sarah Baker,	10 00	Margaret E. Rule,	5 00
Martha A. Bacon,	10 00	H. Taylor,	2 00	S. W. Buckner,	5 00
Charles T. Garrard,	20 00	S. Teepel,	3 00	Fannie Buckner,	5 00
Henry Tate,	2 00	Charles Brown,	10 00	Rachel Dean, L. M.,	5 00
Mrs. H. Bratt, last two payments of L. M.,	10 00	Helen M. Vanhorn,	5 00	G. T. Carpenter,	1 00
		Marian B. Murray,	5 00	Lucy Hahn,	2 00
		Cornelia J. Allen,	5 00	Geo. Trowbridge,	110 00
C. M. Eaton,	5 00	Geo. Barnard,	5 00	Dr. S. Vanmeter,	50 00
B. J. Radford,	1 00	Attilla Barnard,	5 00	M. Pifer,	5 00
S. H. Bingham,	2 00	Henry C. Jackson,	5 00	G. W. Elley,	10 00
Sarah Bacon,	15 00	Rufus B. Saffanaus,	5 00	Fannie Copeland,	2 00
Cash from Pa.,	5 00	Isaac N. Bryson,	5 00	Nancy Dodge,	10 00
Anna Rosella Missouri Teagarden,	5 00	Joseph S. Mackey,	5 00	J. W. Haymaker,	20 00
		J. E. Carstarphen,	5 00	Mrs. A. Haymaker,	5 00
Elmer Elsworth Johnson Teagarden,	5 00	Weston F. Birch,	5 00	A. P. Hodges,	5 00
		Wm. H. Mitchell,	2 50	Wm. Buchanan,	2 00
Samuel Bowman,	5 00	Sarah A. Mitchell,	2 50	Silas Buchanan,	2 00
W. F. Patterson,	3 35	C. A. I. Womack,	1 00	John Covert,	1 00
Louisville Convention,	246 71	Jacob Lender,	1 00	William Calloway,	2 00
		J. W. Martin, jr.,	1 00	H. & E. J. Spaulding,	60 00
		James E. Tutt,	1 00		
F. M. Kibby,	25 00	Daniel Gaber,	5 00	By C. G. Bartholomew,	10 00
Mrs. Meriweather,	5 00	S. C. Toof,	5 00		
Vincent Shinkle,	25 00	Cash,	25	T. K. Knowles,	5 00
J. G. Price,	10 00	G. G. Irvin,	1 00	Charlie Willoughby,	5
R. M. Bishop,	100 00	S. S. Nye,	80	Catharine Chase,	10 00
H. S. Bosworth,	100 00	A. P. Frost,	1 00	W. M. M. Lee,	10 00
Mrs. Barge,	5 00	Sterling Price,	1 00	A. S. Hale,	5 90
J. White,	5 00	Paul Bagley,	1 00	Jas. Dalton,	5 00
Cash from Lex.,	1 00	Sister Cummings,	5 00	Dr. Martin,	5 00
J. Laws,	20 00	Lue Evans,	1 00	R. Hawley,	100 00
Levi Allen,	5 00	Geo. Tate,	1 00	T. D. Hawley,	50 00
Arnold & Sturges,	100 00	Mrs. Tate,	1 00	W. T. Bishop,	25 00
L. W. Gunther,	100 00	R. Milligan,	10 00	Susan Stevenson,	5 00
Bro. Sands,	10 00	F. B. Howell,	1 00	J. Kimmel,	2 00
W. C. Roose,	5 00	Mrs. Howell,	1 00	B. Vanamon,	5 00
St. Louis Convention,	238 00	Miss Nettie Hermon,	5 00	W. Swafford,	5 00
		Mrs. Powell,	1 00	Mrs. J. Liason,	1 00
By C. W. Axline,	8 35	Mrs. Bigler,	1 00	James Liason,	2 00
Mrs. C. W. Helm, 3d payment L. M.	5 00	Mrs. Scott,	1 00	John Liason,	4 00
		Mrs. McClure,	1 00	Mrs. Cook,	45
Benj. Couchman,	5 00	Clifford Hermon,	15	Caleb King,	5 00
Bro. Stanley,	1 00	J. L. Powell,	2 00	Wm. King,	10 00
Dr. S. E. Shepard,	50 00	Mrs. Hansell,	1 00	O. T. Jones,	2 00
Eliza J. Poor,	15 00	S. H. Brown,	2 00	H. C. Leeson,	1 00
Jerome Waltmire, L. M.,	20 00	Mrs. Brown,	1 00	Sarah McCormac,	5 00
		Colin Campbell and his church,	63 50	Jesse Thomas,	2 00
				G. W. Gregg,	3 00

Cash,	2 00	M. A. Torbett,	1 00	W. H. Derby,	5 00
John Bates,	1 00	Nettie F. Craig,	1 00	S. S. Clark,	5 00
Emily Scofield,	5 00	Ella Wharton,	5 00	H. Pearce,	5 00
Geo. Hittle,	4 00	Thomas Crutcher,	5 00	W. L. Crutcher,	5 00
Aaron Davis, L. M.,	5 00	R. G. Potter,	1 00	Mrs. J. G. Carter,	25 00
Reuben Blakely,	7 00	W. A Gailbreath,	5 00	Wm. Carter,	25 00
J. H. Smith,	5 00	A. B Green,	5 00	Joseph Smith,	5 00
Mrs. Arnold,	20 00	Daniel Bennet,	1 00	A. S Hibber,	5 00
Almeda Booth,	5 00	Cash,	1 00	J. S. Shouse,	5 00
Noble Jewett,	2 00	L. A. Williams,	1 00	Mrs. A. Davis,	1 00
Dr. Jewett,	5 00	S. Williams,	1 00	R. C. Howe,	5 00
J. P. Robinson,	100 00	Mary Williams,	1 00	Cash,	75
J. W. Fox,	5 00	Dr. Frazee,	2 00	J. W. McGarvey,	5 00
J. A. Garfield,	5 00	J. B. Vanpelt,	5 00	S. C. Brewer,	1 00
Mrs. M. E. Allen,	12 00	J. J. Fisher,	5 00	Wm. Snyder,	5 00
Mrs. Sedam,	10 00	H. C. Mitchell,	10 00	Cash,	8 00
Paid by preachers Institute, Eureka,	25 00	Mrs. Dr. Frazee,	2 00	Charles Hurlbut,	5 00
Macomb Convention,	75 95	L. E Wilson,	1 00	E. C. Weekly,	5 00
C. Toland,	10 00	Wm. Grigsby,	1 00	R. C. Flower,	2 60
Mrs. G. M. Wells,	10 00	W. L. Hayden,	2 00	G. T. Smith,	2 60
M. Swan,	25 00	Jacob Robinson,	5 00	Y. J. Humphries,	1 00
B. R. Hampton,	10 00	J. C. Davis,	2 00	— Hutchings,	1 00
Reynolds & Garrison,	10 00	W. F. Rubee,	5 00	Allen Peercy,	1 00
Dr. Major,	10 00	J. Hickman,	5 00	H. Marshall,	1 00
U. W. Hardee,	10 00	By J. Shackleford,	16 50	J. T. Clark,	62
A. J. Thompson,	10 00	Mrs. Sumon,	10 00	Wm. Carter,	2 00
Jas. Black,	10 00	Mrs. Settler,	10 00	R. O. Anderson,	1 00
E. J. Lampton,	5 00	C. H. Gould,	50 00	S. Collier,	1 00
B. Givens,	5 00	James Magill,	65 00	G. E. Williams,	1 00
J. T. Jones,	5 00	Cash,	6 81	W. F. Combs,	1 00
T. M. Allen,	5 00	Charles Leslie,	25 00	R. C. Ricketts,	50
J. C. Riley,	5 00	John Cyrenius, L. M.,	5 00	P. H. Cutler,	50
D. M. Williams,	5 00	Mrs. M. J. Helm,	16 00	G. F. Gregsby,	1 00
A. C Grubbs,	2 00	Osmun Pixley,	5 00	J. D. Steele,	5 00
C. H. Barkly,	1 00	James S. Lane,	20 00	Henry Botts,	5 00
Mrs. Larue,	5 00	Dr. E. Williams,	100 00	Peter Lowry,	1 00
Cash,	7 00	Elizabeth Graham,	5 00	J. A. Dickinson,	1 00
J. G. Allen,	10 00	Amos Birchard,	00	Wm. Snyder,	1 00
John Jiers,	1 00	Emily Birchard,	00	J. Hathaway,	1 00
J. H Brown,	2 00	E. M Bronson,	5 00	B. J. Pinkerton,	1 00
Benj. Skene,	2 00	Mary Bronson,	5 00	A. D. Chockley,	1 00
Cash,	2 00	L. Paine,	5 00	S. E. Pearre,	1 00
I. B. Grubbs,	5 00	Bro. Vawter,	2 00	W. D. Gentry,	2 00
S. A. Summers,	5 00	Bro. Chinnoworth,	1 00	W. F. Barr,	1 00
James Hathaway,	1 00	E. Baldwin,	5 00	A. Counsel,	2 00
Cash,	5 00	J. H Vanmeter,	5 00	J. S. Shouse,	2 00
Lizzie Babbett,	1 00	J. B. Scheitlin,	5 00	J. G. Thomlinson,	1 00
A. Hanna,	1 00	T. Nuby,	2 00	W. B. Emmal,	5 00
Mrs. Myers,	5 00	Amzi Atwater,	2 00	Jas. Hopkins,	1 00
S. B. Vanpelt,	5 00	Geo. Castleman,	1 00	Cash,	1 50
Miss A. R. Carter, Garland Carter,	5 00	Miss Lucy Latham,	3 00	H. W. Cure,	1 00
		Mrs. McCullough,	1 00	W. E. Nelson,	2 00
Elizabeth Howell,	20 00	Mrs. Oliver,	5 00	Kittie Nelson,	1 00
F. B. Howell,	5 00	Cash,	2 00	W. D. Carnes,	1 00
S. Cantenaw,	5 00	G. F. Hilman,	12 00	Mrs. F. V. Berry,	4 50
Cash,	1 00	J. A. Owen,	2 50	J. H. Baker,	1 00
S. E. Overstreet,	2 00			Rumina Spencer	8 75

List of Christian Churches contributing to the American Christian Missionary Society, for the year ending October 20, 1869:

OHIO.

Church at	Newbury,	$7 26	Church at	Jelloway,	$19 10
"	Wadsworth,	29 00	"	Mansfield,	13 85
"	Canfield,	15 00	"	Warren,	35 00
"	Barnsville,	5 00	"	Bedford,	19 30
"	Wauseon,	5 00	"	Newburg,	5 00
"	Newton Falls,	6 30	"	Nashville,	3 00
"	Steubenville,	18 25	"	Cuyahoga,	7 00
"	Norwalk,	2 80	"	Stow,	2 50
"	Solon,	28 67	"	Akron,	8 75
"	Green,	16 20	"	Carthage,	12 00
"	Mantua,	19 00	"	Bellair,	10 00
"	Napoleon,	2 50	"	Ashland,	
"	New Antioch,	16 00	"	Hanoverton,	5 00
"	East Fairfield,	6 30	"	Butler,	3 75
"	Antioch,	15 00	"	Deerfield,	7 30
"	Chagrin Falls,	11 00	"	Mentor,	9 00
"	Hubbard,	3 20	"	Center Village,	5 00
"	Stockpost,	1 00	"	Walnut street, Cin.,	62 48
"	Bethel,	6 50	"	Philip's Church,	1 81
"	Mt. Vernon,	39 40	"	Ravenna,	13 00
"	Cicero,	4 39	"	Latimberville,	3 00
"	Hiram,	4 00	"	North Eaton,	10 30
"	West Cleveland,	34 00	"	East Cleveland,	8 90

INDIANA.

Church at	Terre Haute,	$6 75	"	Olean,	50
"	Otter Creek,	6 10	"	Napoleon,	3 75
"	Marshall's,	2 10	"	Queensville.	16 30
"	Rockville,	8 70	"	Vernon,	17 75
"	Middletown,	3 60	"	Zoar,	9 10
"	Pleasant Grove,	1 50	"	Lexington,	87 40
"	Concord,	4 95	"	Estil,	1 50
"	Liberty,	7 00	"	Union,	3 00
"	Sullivan,	6 50	"	Bethel,	1 50
"	State Line,	53 25	"	Blue Lick,	4 00
"	Kendallville,	2 00	"	Plum Creek,	9 00
"	Rushville,	41 21	"	Silver Creek,	3 60
"	Madison,	18 80	"	New Market,	2 75
"	Edinburg,	22 20	"	Olive Branch,	3 50
"	Nineveh,	24 00	"	Hibernia and Antioch,	4 25
"	Dublin,	21 10	"	Little Flat Rock,	14 15
"	Milton,	10 20	"	Big Flat Rock,	9 00
"	Vincennes,	23 80	"	East Unity,	25
"	Fairview,	12 50	"	Unity,	7 25
"	Coburn Corners,	1 00		Christian Chapel,	12 20
"	Ben. Davis Creek,	170 00	"	Somerset,	2 25
"	Burlington,	88 45	"	Union,	6 55
"	Manilla,	8 40	"	Mt. Pleasant,	2 50
"	Thorntown,	16 25	"	New Vernon,	1 70
"	Brayton,	34 60	"	Indian Creek,	2 00
"	Danville,	16 25	"	Leatherwood,	3 55
"	Bloomington,	12 20	"	Mt. Union,	3 25
"	Bedford,	45 30	"	Owensburg	11 00
"	Martinsville,	5 10		Cash,	8 20
"	Bainbridge,	50 00	"	Corydon,	4 20
"	Anderson,	5 50	"	New Market,	31 50
"	Indianapolis,	66 55	"	Olive Branch,	4 00

INDIANA—*Continued.*

Church at Gosport,	8 00	Church at Fayetteville,	15 00
" Lancaster,	3 00	" Logansport,	4 50
" Kent,	12 65	" Kokomo,	5 50
" Milton,	21 15	" Tipton,	3 00
" Salem,	23 50	" West Lebanon,	10 00
" Shelby,	1 35		

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ILLINOIS.

Church at Old Town,	$3 00	Church at Decatur,	$11 00
" Blue Mound,	5 20	" Harristown,	25 00
" Money Creek,	5 91	" Neopolis,	7 20
" Buck Creek,	4 65	" Niantic,	4 70
" East White Oak,	4 25	" Mechanicsburg,	20 00
" Lower White Oak,	9 90	" Bloomington,	45 85
" Stouts Grove,	3 00	" Abingdon,	49 50
" Twin Grove,	9 56	" Meridian,	21 60
" Small Prairie,	12 00	" Cameron,	33 20
" Blairsville,	3 10	" Herman,	2 70
" Horins Prairie,	5 25	" Plymouth,	2 80
" Salem,	9 05	" Colchester,	4 70
" Shiloh,	8 60	" Augusta,	19 90
" Sulphur Springs,	2 00	" Camp Point,	2 95
" Vienna,	1 25	By G. W. Mapes,	10 00
" Bethlehem,	2 00	" Lanark,	5 00
" New Columbia,	4 50	" Paris,	1 60
" Berea,	18 00	By A. H. Trowbridge,	7 00
" Eureka,	75 00	" Mound Church,	4 00
" Springfield,	15 00	" Cuba,	3 50
" Charleston,	29 60	" Gridley,	1 00
" Du Quoin,	34 50	" Mackinaw,	13 50
" Carbondale,	18 25	" Cheney's Grove,	4 65
" Toledo,	27 00	" Pleasant Ridge,	6 35
" Mattoon,	25 00	" Pittsfield,	10 00
" Kansas,	30 00		

MISSOURI.

Church at Paris,	$15 00	Church at Columbia,	$30 00
" Paynesville,	20 00	" Lexington,	44 50
" Chilicothe,	11 50	" Eight and Mound St., St. Louis,	32 00
" Bethany,	10 00	" Mount Zion,	10 70
" Antioch,	15 00		
" Palmyra,	20 00		

WEST VIRGINIA.

Church at West Liberty,	$ 8 50	Church at Wellsburg.	$7 10
" Bethany,	22 05	" Wheeling,	26 00

PENNSYLVANIA.

Church at Allegheny City,	$48 00	Church at Connellsville,	$5 00
" Braddocks Field,	$27 00	" East Smithfield,	10 00
" Lock Haven,	17 25		

KENTUCKY.

Church at	Point Pleasant,	$23 13	Church at	Elizabeth,	$46 70
"	Antioch,	9 73	"	Mt. Pleasant,	6 65
"	Warsaw,	17 05	"	Colemansville,	19 55
"	Sugar Creek,	52 50	"	Carlisle,	34 00
"	South Fork,	43 53	"	Hopkinsville,	31 20
"	Ghent,	32 48	"	Florence,	59 50
"	Carrolton,	20 00	"	Lagrange,	10 00
"	Monterey,	15 25	"	Winchester,	62 56
"	Owenton,	9 90	"	Paris,	100 00
"	New Liberty,	60 31	"	Bethlehem,	21 60
"	White Run,	47 31	"	Paducah,	31 00
"	Mt. Zion,	15 50	"	Stanford,	20 25
"	Petersburg,	51 96	"	Jeffersontown,	4 35
"	Williamstown,	38 55	"	Simpsonville,	3 90
"	Goshen,	63 63	"	Lexington,	43 10
"	Crittenden,	62 50	"	Macedonia,	50 00
"	Demosville,	43 64			

MISCELLANEOUS.

Church at Augusta, Ga., $32 00; West Rupert, Vt., $7 00; Charlottsville, Va., $10 07; Burlingame, Kan., $13 75; Davenport, Ia., $5 00; Tonawanda, N. Y., $8 00. Proceeds of Hymn Book, $45 63.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

New York City,	$50 00	Eighth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio,	$10 00
Augusta, Ga.,	18 00	Dayton, Ohio,	5 00
New Castle, Ind.,	12 00	Seventh and Olive Sts., St. Louis,	10 35
Akron, Ohio,	5 00	Charles City, Ia.,	5 25
Homer, Ill.,	5 00	Iowa City,	9 62
Bethany, W. Va.,	7 00	Paris, Ky.,	10 00
Ashland, Ohio,	3 55		

REPORT OF RECORDING SECRETARY.

Last year's balance		$ 14 30
Cash received this year		7,525 50
Total		$7,539 80

EXPENDED.

Jamaica Missions	$1,200 00	
Home Missions	1,447 16	
Paid to six evangelists who traveled, preached, baptized, and collected funds, (including Cor Sec's salary)	3 076 05	
Paid to agent	199 50	
Book-keeping two years	300 00	
Traveling expenses	421 33	
Postage, stationery, and printing	151 95	
Proceedings of last year	125 00	
Interest	39 00	
Certificates	5 75	
Lost by mail*	82 41	
Balance in Treasury	13 32	
Paid last year's indebtedness, as per orders passed	1,187 18	
		$8,248 65
Less outstanding orders		708 85
		$7,539 80

H. S. BOSWORTH, *Recording Secretary.*

*Never send *money* in letters.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

W. S. Dickinson, Treasurer, in account with American Christian Missionary Society:

Balance on hand last Report	$ 14 30	
Receipts for fiscal year	7,525 40	
		$7,539 70
Orders paid to date	$7,526 38	
		$7,526 38
Balance on hand		$13 32

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE.

I hereby certify to have examined the books and accounts of the Recording Secretary and Treasurer of the American Christian Missionary Society, as exhibited to me, and found them correct as above set forth.

GEO. W. TROWBRIDGE, *Auditor.*

CINCINNATI, November 1, 1869.